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Introduced by HON. LINABELLE RUTH R. VILLARICA
4TH DISTRICT, BULACAN

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Claims due the beneficiaries or the members of the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) should be insulated from legal strictures. If such claims are due and demandable in accordance with pertinent charter provisions, the same should be issued and made available to them.

Presently, however, with the exception of claims for life and retirement benefits, a prescriptive period of 4 years is imposed on other claims under the GSIS charter.

This is clearly disadvantageous to the members/beneficiaries since they will be unnecessarily deprived of what is due them if their claims are not submitted within the 4-year prescriptive period.

This proposed bill seeks to address this restriction against the members/beneficiaries of the GSIS by amending Section 28 of R.A. No. 8291, otherwise known as "The Government Service Insurance Act of 1997".

Support for the enactment of this measure is earnestly requested.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Linabelle Villarica".

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AN ACT REMOVING THE PRESCRIPTIVE PERIOD OF FOUR (4) YEARS ON CLAIMS FILED
BY MEMBERS OF THE GSIS OR ITS BENEFICIARIES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
SECTION 28, R.A. No. 8291, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS *THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE
INSURANCE ACT OF 1997*

*Be enacted by the Senate of the Philippines and the House of Representatives in Congress
assembled:*

SECTION 1. Section 28 of R.A. No. 8291, otherwise known as "The Government Service
Insurance System Act of 1997" is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 28. *Prescription.* - Claims for benefits under
this Act [except for life and retirement] shall NOT
prescribe. [after four (4) years from the date of
contingency.]

Sec. 2. *Separability Clause.* - Should any provisions of this Act or any part thereof be declared
unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof not affected shall remain in full force and
effect.

Sec. 3. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, issuances, circulars, rules and regulations or parts thereof,
which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Sec. 4. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in at
least two (2) newspapers of general circulation or in the Official Gazette.

Approved,